

HOUSE BILL 2857

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 1, relative to reporting of child sexual
abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(a), is amended by adding
the following new subdivision (2) and renumbering existing subdivisions accordingly:

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(A) The department shall also report by January 15 of each year to the
judiciary committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the children
and family affairs committee of the house of representatives and the select
committee on children and youth:

(i) The date each individual report was made to the department
alleging or the date the department or team became aware of child sexual
abuse;

(ii) The date the department orally notified the team, the
appropriate district attorney general and the appropriate law enforcement
agency of such; and

(iii) The date the team and the department made a full written
report to the district attorney general of such.

(B) The report required pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall
be provided, in a manner which makes easily discernable for each individual
report of child sexual abuse made in the state of Tennessee, the time period
between the time the team or department became aware of an allegation of child
sexual abuse; the time the department orally notified the team, the district

attorney general and law enforcement of the alleged child sexual abuse; and the time that a full written report was provided to the district attorney general.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (4) and renumbering existing subdivisions accordingly:

(a)(4) If it becomes apparent that any department employee failed to notify the team, the appropriate district attorney general or the appropriate law enforcement agency pursuant to (a)(3) of this section, then the commissioner shall be notified.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.